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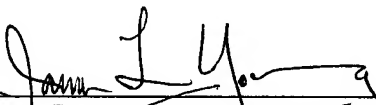
This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2007. In the Office Action, claims 2-18 and 24-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In view of the Examiner's comments, the claims have been amended to set forth a double-hung window assembly having an opening defined by a head jamb, a first side jamb, a second side jamb and a sill. The claim terms have been amended to conform to this revision throughout. In addition, claims 3, 10 and 15 have been amended to clarify the subject matter set forth in each of those claims. Applicants submit that claims 2-18 and 24-26 as presented herein are allowable, and such favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to clarify for the record, if necessary, that the claims have been amended to expedite prosecution. To the extent any amendments have been made to the claims that might be considered to be narrowing amendments, such revisions are not to be construed as a surrender of any subject matter between the original claims and the present claims. Again, the to extent revisions to the claims have been made, they are merely Applicants' best attempt at providing one or more definitions of what Applicants believe to be suitable patent protection. In addition, the present claims provide the intended scope of protection that Applicants are seeking for this application. Therefore, no estoppel should be presumed, and Applicants' claims are intended to include a scope of protection under the doctrine of equivalents.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

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